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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/708,225
Filing Date	November 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	Keith Luker
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	David L. Sorkin
Attorney Docket Number	1511-00

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY ACTION MAILED APRIL 29, 2003.

MS RCE
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Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated April 29, 2003 (Paper No. 13).

This response is being filed within one month after the shortened statutory period from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on April 7, 2003. A Request for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. Please charge any additional fees associated with this response and credit any overcharge to the Deposit Account No. 13-3405.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Kindly cancel Claims 1 and 6 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Kindly amend Claims 2-5, 7-14 and 16-20 as follows.

2. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [1] 34, wherein the cross-axial pumps are bounded by channels on more than one side.

3. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of Claim [1] 34, wherein an upstream feeder is flowingly connected to cause and to control input feed of mixable materials.

4. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of Claim [1] 34, where a screw channel is provided at